



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Governors  
Open Session  
June 18, 2008**

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The meeting was held at 4:00 p.m. in Room 160, Extended Education Complex.

Present: T. Sargeant, Chair  
J. Leclerc, Secretary

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| A. Berg      | P. Bovey     | R. Dhalla    | R. Eyford | A. Glenn     |
| E. Gordon    | G. Hatch     | J. Lederman  | H. Milan  | D. Ruth      |
| R. Sigurdson | M. Sitter    | J. Sopotniuk | T. Strutt | E. Szathmáry |
| M. Tripple   | S. Van Schie | R. Zegalski  |           |              |

Assessors Present:

B. McKenzie (for T. Booth) J. Sealey

Officials Present:

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| T. Hay      | K. Inskip  | D. Jayas   | R. Kerr | J. Keselman |
| D. McCallum | G. Pasieka | D. Sandham |         |             |

Regrets:

J. Anderson A. Black E. Goldie S. Hennessey W. Norrie

1. **Announcements**

Mr. Sargeant welcomed Mr. Rennie Zegalski to the Board. Mr. Zegalski was elected by alumni to sit on the Board. Mr. Sargeant also congratulated Dr. Ruth on his re-election to the Board by members of Senate.

2. **Minutes**

2.1 Open Minutes – March 18, 2008

It was noted that in the second paragraph on page 2 in section 4.1, the third sentence should read: "Dr. Szathmáry responded by explaining how the SIP reallocated all positions and salaries back to central administration, with roughly 70% of the funds available for reallocation.".

It was moved by Ms. Lederman and seconded by Dr. Ruth:

**THAT the minutes of the May 20, 2008 Open Session meeting be approved as amended.**

**CARRIED**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. Sealey", located in the bottom right corner of the page.

2.3 Business Arising - none

3. **From Executive and Governance Committee** - none

4. **From Finance, Administration and Human Resources Committee** - none

5. **From Audit and Risk Management Committee**

5.1 Annual Financial Report

Mr. Pasieka provided the Board with a presentation on the preparation of and highlights from the Annual Financial Report. Highlights included significant investments in capital assets such as the acquisition of Southwood Golf Course, the new Apotex Pharmacy Centre, the soccer complex, Aboriginal House and the St. John's College lecture theatre. He also noted that there was a surplus of \$37,000 in operating funds. Additionally, the University has adopted new financial standards this year, moving long term investments from book value to fair market value.

Ms. Lederman asked what amount was considered material. Mr. Hay responded that materiality is set at \$6.3 million for this year's statment.

Ms. Lederman asked how the endowment funds are tracked. Mr. Pasieka noted that there are over 9,000 individual accounts that are all coded and tracked in the new Aurora finance system.

Dr. Ruth asked if the surplus of \$37,000 was comparable to last year. Mr. Pasieka confirmed it was.

It was moved by Ms. Van Schie and seconded by Ms. Lederman:

**THAT the Board of Governors approve the Consolidated Financial Statements of the University of Manitoba for the year ending March 31, 2008.**

**CARRIED**

6. **From Senate**

6.1 Report of the Senate Committee on Awards

It was moved by Dr. Szathmáry and seconded by Ms. Hatch:

**THAT the Board of Governors approve eleven new offers and fourteen amended offers, and the withdrawal of four offers, as set out in Appendix A, of the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards [dated April 14, 2008].**

**CARRIED**

6.2 Proposal for a Bachelor of Human Ecology in Indigenous Wellness

Dr. Szathmáry presented the information regarding the proposal, noting that if the program was approved, it would not be implemented until the Vice-President (Academic) was sure that the funding to support the program was in place.



Mr. Dhalla asked how many programs were currently approved but not yet implemented. Dr. Szathmáry provided the Speech Therapy and Midwifery programs as examples, noting that it was not unusual for a program to be approved and not immediately implemented. Mr. Dhalla remarked that given the time and effort put into the proposals, it would be worth looking at changing the process.

It was moved by Dr. Szathmáry and seconded by Ms. Sitter:

**THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal for the Bachelor of Human Ecology in Indigenous Wellness [as recommended by Senate May 14, 2008].**

**CARRIED**

**7. Other Business - none**

The Board of Governors received the following items for information:

**8. From Senate**

8.1 Centres for Healthcare Innovation, Oral-Systemic Health, and Global Public Health

8.2 Statement of Intent: Combined D.M.D. and Ph.D. in Dental Medicine and Health

**9. Reports**

9.1 Report of the President

Dr. Szathmáry invited Dr. Jayas, Associate Vice-President (Research) to give a presentation to the Board regarding the Centre of Excellence for Grain Crops.

Dr. Jayas noted that the Centre would encompass all aspects of research regarding grain crops and will involve many internal and external partners, including the provincial and federal governments. The fully integrated plan would break down the barriers between the University and the federal government, with the integration of management, personnel and physical infrastructure. The expected outcomes of the Centre would be to create a unique international showpiece that would develop new and improved food and bio-products. The benefits would include maintaining and enhancing Canada's position as a supplier of high quality grains and grain products, along with providing training and educational opportunities.

Dr. Szathmáry noted that the federal government had recently announced \$150 million in funding for the project. The process began over three years ago, with the federal government finally announcing funding for 2 projects from over 70 initial proposals.

Dr. Ruth asked if the Centre would be operating in conjunction with the Richardson Centre for Functional Foods and Nutraceuticals. Dr. Jays replied that it would be fully cross-functional, noting that the building for the Centre of Excellence would be built in the same area to create a single, integrated building.

Dr. Szathmáry continued with her report, highlighting the awarding of the Killam prize to Dr. Frank Hawthorne, Distinguished Professor of Geological Sciences. Dr. Szathmáry also discussed the exceptional gift from Dr. Desautels to the Marcel A. Desautels Faculty of Music



and noted that the generosity of Dr. Desautels and many other donors over the past twelve years has resulted in \$396,941,140 in gifts to the University.

Dr. Szathmáry thanked the Senate and the Board of Governors, noting that it has been an enormous privilege to lead the University of Manitoba and to be part of the difference the University makes to the province of Manitoba.

## 9.2 Report of the UMSU President

Mr. Sopotiuk reported that he participated in a Canadian Federation of Students meeting held in Ottawa in late May with 300 student representatives from over 30 student unions across Canada. He also noted that UMSU would be having their annual retreat this month. Mr. Sopotiuk also thanked Dr. Szathmáry for her many years of service to the University.

On behalf of the Graduate Students Association, Mr. Glenn thanked Dr. Szathmáry for her dedication to the University and the community.

Mr. Sargeant remarked that it had been an honour and privilege to work with Dr. Szathmáry and thanked her for her service.

### Motion to Move to Closed and Confidential Session

It was moved by Ms. Lederman and seconded by Dr. Ruth:

**THAT the Board of Governors move into Closed and Confidential session.**

**CARRIED**

### Motion to Adjourn

It was moved by Mr. Tripple:

**THAT the meeting adjourn.**

**CARRIED**

Chair

University Secretary